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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON SOUTH REDDING SIX LANE PROJECT

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation has started construction on the South Redding Six Lane project on Interstate 5 between Bonnyview Road and Hilltop Drive. Initial work includes temporary removal of the cable median barrier and preparation of the shoulders both northbound and southbound so that traffic can be moved to the right during construction. This process includes rehabilitation of the shoulder, paving, and installation of concrete K-rail barrier.

The South Redding Six Lane project will add a 12ft lane and a 10ft shoulder in the median in both the north and south bound directions. This section of I-5 has the highest levels of congestion between Woodland and the Oregon State line. This \$22.5 million project is a cooperative effort between Caltrans and the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency. It will improve operations, add capacity and reduce congestion. The contractor is Tullis, Inc. of Redding and completion is anticipated in the Spring of 2012.

Current construction will take place at night between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., Sundays through Saturdays. No delays to the traveling public are anticipated.

This project is one of five projects currently being constructed on I-5 in the Shasta County area. Additional projects include:

- Addition of one auxiliary lane to the I-5/SR44 interchange in the southbound direction from north of Cypress Avenue to the Hilltop Drive overcrossing.
- Re-construction, upgrade, adjustment and installation of new metal beam guardrail at various locations from Cottonwood to just south of Dunsmuir.
- Installation of cable median barrier on a four mile section of I-5 from 1.3 miles south of Knighton Road to 0.5 miles north of Smith Road.
- Installation of fiber optic cable for Transportation Management System (TMS) field elements, such as cameras, changeable message signs, highway advisory radios, traffic monitoring stations and traffic signals

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